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### **NLRB REPORTS ON CASE PRODUCTION IN FY 2006**

The National Labor Relations Board issued 477 decisions during fiscal year 2006, which ended September 30. Of this total, 324 were unfair labor practice (C) cases, and 153 were representation (R) cases. In the previous fiscal year, the Board issued 508 decisions (348 C, 160 R).

While production declined by 6% since FY 2005, the inventory of pending cases was reduced for the fourth year in a row (from 484 at the beginning of the fiscal year to 305 at the end).

In a statement, Chairman Robert J. Battista remarked:

We regret the drop in case production, but we issued some difficult decisions in FY 2006, and that had an adverse impact on our overall production. We are hopeful, with a full Board for all of FY 2007, we will see improved productivity. On the positive side, we were able to keep lowering our case backlog. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our staffs for their hard work and dedication to the mission of the agency.

The Board did not fully accomplish its FY 2006 goal under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). The Board's performance goal was to issue 90% of C cases that, if not issued by September 30, 2006, would then have been pending for more than 17 months; and 90% of R cases, that if not issued by September 30, 2006, would then have been pending for more than 12 months. In other words, C cases assigned on or before April 30, 2005 and R cases assigned on or before September 30, 2005. The Board began FY 2006 with 295 GPRA C cases and 129 GPRA R cases. The Board issued 137 GPRA C cases (46%) and 100 GPRA R cases (77%) by the end of FY 2006.

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